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Learning The Truth

IT IS NOW, and always has been, a weak spot in human nature, or rather a strong spot, to learn something about the Great Beyond. All the superstitions of the dark ages have had their root in this question and our fears and follies of the present day might be traced to our anxiety concerning the hereafter. We are all more or less concerned over this great question and because of the great concern we feel over it, the fear and the hope it arouses in all of us, we are all more or less susceptible to some kind of religious doctrine which we accept as our moral guide to the (to most of us) uncertain hereafter.

The average person has no conception of his own concerning God's plan of human salvation. We have heard so many conflicting doctrines preached by men of different minds, and most of them with little or no intelligent Bible facts to base their arguments upon, that the wisest of us often find ourselves in a quandary when we attempt to settle our minds on the great truth concerning God's plan of salvation for human creatures.

From early childhood we have been taught by graphic word pictures of his Satanic Majesty, with his imperial imps of the plutocratic regions, playing hide and seek in the sulphuric blazes of fire and brimstone, to fear God rather than love Him. The human heart is not capable of entertaining real love and devotion for a God who would consign His human creatures to eternal punishment in an inextinguishable lake of fire, and it is nothing short of absurdity to ascribe this quality to God's character.

We have been doped so long on this false doctrine that, like the poor devil who becomes addicted to the use of drugs, we think we cannot entertain hope without it. The only hope for a drug fiend is to shut off his supply of dope. He may suffer considerably from re-action at first, but if he is determined and persistent he will in time become cured of his ill habits. So it is with us who have become fiends to the hell fire dope. Like the drug fiend, we know there is something wrong, we feel it, we know there is something unnatural about the effects of the dope, but also, like the dope fiend, we lack the moral courage to denounce the evil, and the manhood to fight its enmeshment upon our well being.

But the day of hope has dawned for the intelligent human being who loves God and humanity too much to continue in the pathway of darkness. To men and women who think for themselves the sun rays of God's eternal truth beckons them on to a higher plane of knowledge concerning God's plans.

The appearance in these columns each week of the able writings of the Hon. Richard J. Hill is doing much to unshackle the minds of hundreds of people in religious matters, as is attested by letters frequently come to this office. People are learning the truth and the more they learn the more they want to learn. Realizing this fact Mr. Hill has erected a comfortable building near his home at 825 East Easton where he daily gives instructions in intelligent studies of the Bible and without charge to any one. It costs nothing here to learn of God's tender mercies, of His word and His evident plan of human salvation. Here is a man, fully consecrated, who is giving his life and his means to establish God's truth among his fellow creatures, and he asks no one to pay him for his services.

Whatever our religious beliefs or superstitions, surely the life of this man in our midst will induce many of us who have become addicted to false religious dope to assert our independence and step out into the light of truth.

The "Y" And Our Youth

MANY WORTHY MOVEMENTS have been successfully launched in Tulsa, but perhaps none more worthy than the recent efforts of the good people of both races here to encourage the Y. M. C. A. Movement among people of our group. Several months ago the "Y" Movement was launched by a few but well meaning and determined Colored men of Tulsa who knew the beneficial influence the "Y" environments would exercise over the tender untrained minds of our youth and be it said to our credit, the idea was a fast catch.

An association was organized, money pledged and in a short while a working organization was in the field. Tangible results were soon in evidence and a salaried secretary was obtained in the person of G. A. Gregg, a graduate of the Kansas University who has had special training and considerable experience in "Y" work. Since the appearance of Mr. Gregg on the scene the scope of the work has been enlarged and public interest has rapidly increased until now, just a few months after the beginning of the movement the "Y" is the household word in practically every home in our community and its wholesome influence is reaching out and pulling into the circle many of our young men and boys who might otherwise succumb to less uplifting influences.

The "Y" influence has done more to shape the future of young people than all the churches in the country. Many young people, lost to their childhood environments and early training, have been reclaimed through the wholesome influences of the "Y" and developed into useful citizenship.

It is because of the good work accredited to this organization all over the world that we rejoice with others over the blessing we recognize in our local branch Y. M. C. A., and share the pride of the community in the good work being done by this organization.

Let's save the boys through the influence of the "Y." To do this, every man and woman, every father and every mother in Tulsa should do everything in their power to encourage the "Y" Movement; to see and know that the proper environs are instituted so that the influences exercised over our youth away from home will be as wholesome as the influence of home and fireside.

We owe everything to our children, all of us; but most of us are sadly neglecting this sacred obligation. We will soon pass out and leave them—what? Most of us can not leave wealth and position to our children, but all of us can and should leave the priceless heredity of Christian probity such as comes only from the influences of environments and home training. None of us are quite too poor to leave this as a legacy to our heirs. The "Y" Movement will help us in this laudable ambition.

THE INJUSTICES AND INEQUALITIES of the separate school law in this State is but another proof of the unfairness and danger that lurk in Jim Crow principles wherever found. No one can deny that the Colored schools of the State should be operated under the same law that operates white schools, because we all realize now that there can be no absolute fairness between two opposing principles whether applied to institutions or individuals. Remove the Jim Crow principles and the chance for unfair discrimination disappears.

SELFISH AMBITION has destroyed more lives than all the instruments of war. It has wrecked empires, corrupted governments and left areas of devastated ruins and misery in the wake of its destructive pathway. And yet many of us continue to worship at its shrine, giving all for a fond embrace of dame fortune for a fleeting moment. "What fools we mortals be!"

DURING THE PAST YEAR the city administration has spent money for street improvement in nearly every part of the city, save the section that needs it most. Their action indicates their indifference to the needs of the Colored section, notwithstanding their flowery pre-election promise.

AT LEAST ONE MAN has gotten enough of the republican city administration and "spresses" himself in a letter to the editor shown elsewhere in this issue. But it is our guess that he voices the sentiment of hundreds of others who "wouldn't do it again" if they could vote in a city election today.

PRE-ELECTION PROMISES have been utterly forgotten or ignored by the City Administration so far as the Colored section of the City is concerned, but it's no more than some of us expected. There is a day of reckoning coming.

NO ACTION MOTION PICTURES OF COLORED COMBAT UNITS IN FRANCE

Mr. J. William Clifford, late first lieutenant of Infantry and Special Representative of the Colored Soldiers in the Bureau of War Risk Insurance and now President and Administrative Head of the Monumental Pictures Corporation stated last night in an informal gathering of representative young men of his race, that he was chagrined and deeply hurt at not finding any action motion pictures of Colored Combat Units in the collection of motion pictures taken by the U. S. Signal Corps in France. Mr. Clifford who is now getting out a picture of Colored News reel on the order of the Pathe News, desired to have some of these pictures in his first release which will be ready for distribution the first of February. He was greatly disappointed in finding for the most part only pictures of the Colored labor and stevedore units building roads and handling supplies and of Colored soldiers peeling potatoes and juggling. He stated that it was a terrible injustice to the courageous and brilliant achievements of the members of his race of the famous 15th Infantry of New York and other combat units that no pictures were made showing their intrepid and dauntless bravery in action on the Western Front and which so materially contributed to the glorious victory and to the protection of American honor and integrity.

Page Has Won Case in Two Courts

This historic case involves title to one of the Cushing oil field, estimated to be worth \$5,000,000. Judge Ralph Campbell decided the case against the government and in favor of the Page interests about four years ago. In the fall of 1920 the United States circuit court upheld Judge Campbell. The convention of the government has been that the land was allotted to a mythical Tommy Atkins and as such reverted to the original Indian ownership.

FAMOUS ATKINS CASE TO HIGHEST COURT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—The department of justice today decided to appeal to the supreme court from the decision of the United States circuit court in the Tommy Atkins case recently decided against the government.

MUSKOGEE BANDIT KILLED

Colored Man Trying to Hold up Street Car, Falls Into Trap

MUSKOGEE, Jan. 20.—Attempting to hold up a street car here tonight, W. S. Williams, 35 years old, Colored, was shot and killed by W. M. Linn, conductor.

The car was being driven "blind" as a lure for seven bandits who had held up the same car an hour earlier. Two policemen were aboard. The Colored man stepped on the car three miles from the city and as he reached for a gun, Linn, seated in the car, fired.

ALUMNI PRESENTS AUTO TO COLLEGE PRESIDENT

(Associated Negro Press)
Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 22.—The Alumni Association and friends of Morehouse College after a 40 day campaign for funds, have given an automobile to Dr. John Hope, president, as a token of appreciation of his worth and work for the last 22 years. During the war, Dr. Hope spent one year in France as supervisor of Y. M. C. A. work among the Colored.

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Mr. Clarence Johns of Tulsa is visiting his relatives in Fort Smith for a short while.
Mr. Luther has a real sensible dog. He knows his master's voice over the phone.

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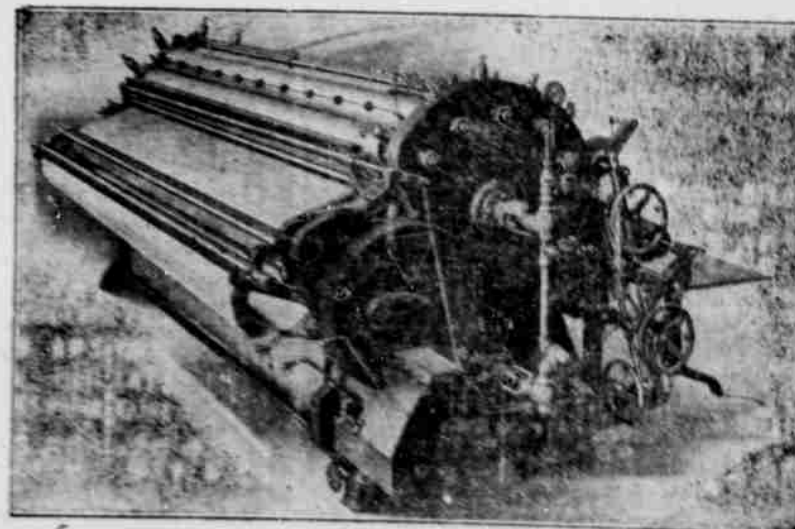
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